

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 95-97 have been cancelled. A terminal disclaimer for overcoming the double patenting rejection is being submitted herewith. The Abstract and Title have been corrected as required.

Claims 80-94 and 98-102 have been amended to recite a "toner" container rather than a developer container. Basis for this can be found at page 4, lines 6-15. Additionally, Claim 102 has been amended to define the "lid" as a removable and relaceable lid. Basis for this is found, for example, at page 14, lines 19-20. The allowability of these claims is not believed to have been affected by this amendment.

New Claim 103 has been introduced. Claim 103 corresponds to allowed Claim 83 except that it additionally recites the toner as being contained in the hollow body of the claimed toner container. Basis for this is found, for example, at page 13, lines 15-17.

It is noted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 27, 2004 has not been acknowledged. For the Examiner's convenience, a further copy of this IDS and a date stamped filing receipt evidencing the filing thereof are attached.

Japanese patent publication 60-243681 was considered by the Examiner on July 22, 2004. Applicants are now additionally submitting an English translation of this reference.

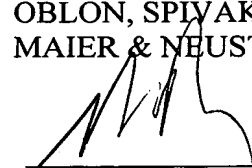
Additionally, a further IDS citing a pleading in the concurrent litigation is being submitted.

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Applicants believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit a notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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